

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 457 along with two other similar bills which provide financial relief to residents and local agencies affected by natural disasters in California. Current law provides neither guidelines nor criteria for disaster assistance generally which necessitates legislation each year to provide relief, as these bills do. I am directing the Office of Emergency Services and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to work with the Legislature to resolve this void in state law.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger